that the bund is watched at all time? You wanted such a protection, and it was not given. Is it not?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Such a precaution was not necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the answer it is given that there was no appreciable damage. Was any estimate taken regarding the damages?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That answer was furnished on the report of the Revenue authorities.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—On enquiry it was found that the damage done to the *chira* was not of an appreciable nature.

The Mukundapuram Irrigation Report.

117. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the progress made on the Mukundapuram Irrigation Report up to date, since it has received His Highness' assent so long as on the 20th Karkadagam 1092;

(2) to place on the table the file containing the Report of the Special Officer which was not then placed on the table. (Vide answer to my question No. 323 of the Kumbham session.)

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The investigation of the Muriyad Drainage Scheme for hydraulic data is not complete.

(2) The Report of the Special Engineer with estimates Ayacut statements and field sketches on the Muriyad Drainage Scheme is placed on the Secretary's table.

The Alpanghat canal.

118. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state if it has received a petition requesting it to extend the Alpanghat canal in the Narakkal village;

(b) if any representations have been received, will the Government kindly state what action it has taken in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter was enquired into. The work not being urgent and the cost prohibitive, the consideration of the question of executing the work has been postponed.

The Canauli canal contribution.

119. Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the Cochin Government have given or agreed to give any contribution to the British Government in the

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matter of dredging the Canauli canal (Kottappuram-Chowghat canal);

(2) whether there is any agreement regarding the passage of Cochin boats through the British side of the canal; if there is, what are the terms;

(3) whether any arrangement has been made for dredging those portions of the canal which lie exclusively in the Cochin State?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(1) The Government have agreed to contribute a moiety of the expenditure for dredging the canal from Mathilakam to Edatturutti.

(2) There are no agreements other than those detailed in the rules issued under the Cochin Public Canals and Backwaters Regulation, I of 1092, amended by Regulation 10 of 1095 and published on pages 68 to 84 and 250 of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 25th September 1920 and 19th November 1921 respectively.

(3) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—The answer to sub-division (1) is that the Government have agreed to contribute a moiety of the expenditure for dredging the canal from Matilakam to Edaturutti. I want to know whether any amount was actually paid by the Cochin Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—What is the amount likely to be given?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The amout is not finally settled.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Was not the work already given on contract?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We do not know.

President.—Was any work done last year?

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Something was done.

President.—But they have not claimed any amount from us.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Did the Government enquire whether any work was done?

President.—We thought that they would approach us for claiming the amount. If there is any relevant point, they will bring it to the notice of the authorities.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—The work is not at all satisfactory. Something was done before the monsoon, and the whole thing

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again silted up during the monsoon, as the Edaturutti Canal is very narrow. Unless it is made wider, this sort of work will not be permanent.

President.—Has the British people made any complaint in the matter? Deepening is intended for the benefit on both sides. Did they make any enquiry to know whether any substantial work was done, if it has not produced any good to the people?

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—I do not know whether the British Government did any such thing. What I want to point out is that an enquiry must be made before we advance the money.

President.—It is too late now. We must have taken necessary measures before the monsoon. Now, they will say that they have done the work properly, and that the monsoon has silted up the whole thing. The whole work is being done under the supervision of the British Government.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—The Cochin Government has also a right.

President.—We are doing works at Enamakkal and they do not come and enquire. This will be considered as a sort of interference on our part, if we suspect them.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—We have also a right to see to whom the work is entrusted.

President.—We must have some confidence in others.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—But the British people would not have done that.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—We carry out so many works for the British people.

President.—Such works will be done on mutual trust. If any complaint is brought to our notice, it is our duty to draw the attention of the authorities concerned. I do not think that we can do anything without sufficient grounds. I do not think that they have completed the whole work.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—I think that the British Government has not check-measured the work.

President.—It is a work done on mutual trust.

Irrigation works.

120. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of money spent each year for irrigation during the last ten years, the names of the irrigation works attended to and the amount spent for each?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Vide the statement placed on the Council Secretary's table.

Complete information regarding Panchayat works is not available.

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